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The National Conference of Charities and Correction exists to discuss the problems of charities and correction, to disseminate information and promote reforms. It does not formulate platforms.—Rules of Procedure.

The National Conference began at Saratoga, New York, in 1874, as a part of the Social Science Association. But, being in the beginning a gathering of a few representatives of the then-existing state boards of charities, it has since grown to a membership ranging between 2500 and 3000, located in all parts of North America and even foreign countries, and representing the entire variety of social service activities, voluntary and governmental, which have developed in recent years. The Conference "has always looked forward, rather than back, and many of the new social efforts of our day have found their early adherents and their most useful publicity at the Conference meetings."

Membership.

Annual dues, fiscal year ending December 31, are \$2.50; sustaining membership, \$10.00. Regular members are encouraged to become sustaining members. Considering the many varied advantages of membership in this organization the annual fee of \$2.50 is unusually moderate. Members receive the volume of proceedings for the current year, carriage prepaid, and the Bulletin.

Publications.

The Conference has in stock extra copies of Proceedings of many meetings in former years, as well as pamphlet reprints of noteworthy addresses, committee reports, and symposiums on various subjects. Descriptive list will be sent on request.

In addition, this Bulletin is sent to all members of the Conference, and may be secured by non-members at the rate of fifty cents a year or fifteen cents a copy.

Information.

Readers are encouraged to write for further information about the Conference or its publications, or general questions of social improvement, directing inquiries to the central office at 315 Plymouth Court, Chicago, Illinois.

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FORTY-FIRST CONFERENCE AT MEMPHIS

Although news of the recent annual meeting of the National Conference may have reached most of the membership through newspaper and magazine articles, a brief retrospective account may well be given in this Bulletin.

The local staging for this forty-first Conference is well characterized by the *Survey*:* A presidential address on "The County; a Challenge to Humanized Politics and Volunteer Co-operation," given in a city and county both of which are under the new commission form of government. A city which has rendered notable medical service to its inhabitants since the dread yellow fever epidemic of 1878, when its population was reduced from 100,000 to 10,000. A juvenile court of recognized pre-eminence and success in its administration. An associated charities with exceptional co-operation from the city government, fostering a completely organized body of like nature among the negro population. A socialized police force.

The Conference has seldom gone into a city with such hearty approval and co-operation on the part of the city administration. "Commission Government," a city journal of striking appearance, was used as a campaign document to secure the Conference for Memphis. Hence this new government, with splendid new city and county buildings, was Exhibit A for the visitors. The police wore reception badges the first few days of the meetings, and the whole department attended the evening session on "Corrections". One evening, too, the trades and labor council attended in a body, under the leadership of President Taylor, himself. These were unprecedented scenes at a National Conference, and the speakers, with practical messages, rose to the occasion. There were signs, too, that private and official Memphis were eager to apply the best conclusions of the great convention.

The Program

On account of the probability of early publication of the 1914 Proceedings, brief mention of the program may suffice.

The work of the section of Social Hygiene was perhaps the most commented upon, owing partly to references made to the local vice situation, but due more largely to the prominence in the public mind of the question of social control of prostitution. Profiting by the successful example set recently by the committee on Standards of Living and Labor, the committee on Social Hygiene has planned a series of three years' discussions in the National Conference. This year invaluable symposiums were arranged on the causes of prostitution, the treatment of the social evil in American cities and the treatment of women offenders. The theme of the general session was The Awakening of a New Conscience, and this significant sentence may be quoted from the report of the committee made by Maude Miner, the chairman: "Not until society as a whole has recognized its responsibility to see that there are adequate laws against vice and that these laws are enforced, that rational methods are adopted of dealing with offenders in the

*Reference is made to the extensive account in the *Survey* of May 30, 1914.

courts, and of preventing increase of supply and demand; not until each individual recognizes his personal responsibility for dealing with this problem of prostitution and of helping to create a demand for suppression, will there be successful suppression of vice."

One of the most successfully organized and executed of section programs in recent years was that of the committee on Corrections, under the chairmanship of Amos W. Butler. More incisive analysis is being made these days than heretofore of the baffling problems of treatment of crime, and this was evidenced by the committee's attention chiefly to recent progress in the treatment of the misdemeanant. The general session was enlivened by a stereopticon description of the District Farm at Occoquan, Virginia. Papers were presented, also, on the humanization of the courts, the arrangement for prisoners to earn money to pay their fines, probation and parole, and the farm system of outdoor employment of prisoners.

Alexander Johnson as chairman this year of the committee on Defectives produced a program of unprecedented strength as an argument for state care of defectives. In the committee report sterilization gave way, as a propaganda of doubtful popular acceptance, to practical, comprehensive schemes of segregation under state auspices. The views of fully equipped colonies in many states that were shown were a stirring revelation of the progress that has been made in this field since it began to be discussed in the National Conference only a few years ago. Discussions in this section included also the causes of insanity, and the relation of the juvenile court to the problem of defectiveness.

The varied interests of the section on Children were this year unusually well subserved by the program presented. This was due in considerable measure to the correlating grasp of the chairman, Mary Vida Clark, as shown by her many connecting statements, such as this: "The problem of the dependent child is largely that of family poverty." One of the chief contributions of this section was a symposium by Charles H. Johnson, Edwin D. Selenberger and Wilfred S. Reynolds on Standards of Efficiency in Child Care. This group of papers will probably be reprinted from the Proceedings together. The general session was devoted to The Conservation of the Child. Programs were also produced on The New Spirit in Preventive Work, and Laws Affecting Children.

Newer Views on Organized Charity

Eugene T. Lies, chairman of the committee on the Family and the Community, arranged a program of unique worth in at least two respects: the orientation it furnished respecting the relation of ordinary charitable efforts to the larger social and moral problems and forces in the community, and the new material produced on the rural life question. Booker T. Washington, speaking on the latter subject and emphasizing the success and future possibilities of the Negro as a farmer, was the chief figure in one of the most popular section meetings of the Conference. "Philanthropy and Business," trenchantly presented by Edward T. Devine, as two always-conflicting ideals, was generally accepted as one of the keynote addresses of the forty-first Conference.

The work of the committee on Neighborhood Development was this year the occasion for a delightful act of neighborliness. In the enforced absence of Mary E. McDowell, the chairman, Harriet E. Vittum, a colleague in settlement work in Chicago, presided. The brief series of programs arranged, relating to Recreation and Social Progress, the school house as a social center, and the development of neighborhood activities, gave just the reference to democratic re-creation and the appreciation of some of the more specialized problems of other sections.

The non-appearance of Charles P. Neill as chairman of the committee on Standards of Living and Labor on account of the mine disaster at Eccles, West Virginia, lent unexpected emphasis to the work of this committee for four years in behalf of industrial amelioration. His place was taken by Owen R. Lovejoy. Father E. V. O'Hara, chairman of the Oregon Industrial Commission, speaking at the general session of

the committee, brought tidings of a second favorable decision sustaining the rulings of that body. Beyond this the evening program resolved itself largely into a consideration of southern conditions by Jean Gordon, A. J. McKelway and Lewis W. Hine,—the latter in a stereoscopic presentation of The High Cost of Child Labor in the South. One section meeting was devoted to Agencies for Maintaining Standards. Another, on social insurance, resulted in two memorable addresses by Frederick L. Hoffman and Charles Richmond Henderson.

The Public Charities program consisted of two sessions upon state and local charities, and another held jointly with two other committees upon the subject of adequate relief to needy mothers. David F. Tilley, in his report for the committee, emphasized particularly certain legal aspects of the work of a state board of charities. The paper by John H. De Witt on Present Charitable Needs of the South proved to be one of the best stimuli of discussion of the entire Conference. Southern delegates, with equal convincingness, rose to defend and to refute his statement that the local charitable institutions of the South are sorely in need of reform. Tense interest preceded the rendition of the symposium on "mothers pensions." Eight reporters from seven states gave their several viewpoints and the gist of the plans on trial in their commonwealths. The expected debate did not materialize, perhaps for lack of time after the basis of facts had been presented. But, containing as they do a moderate amount of personal interpretation, these addresses constitute an invaluable contribution to the literature of the subject.

The committee on Health, Commissioner Ennion G. Williams of Virginia, chairman, gave its attention chiefly to three subjects: Infant and child hygiene, rural sanitation and vital statistics—the "bookkeeping of humanity," as Dr. Williams phrased it. One of the more forceful newer ideas developed in this section was that of the district nurse in rural work, in the address of Fannie F. Clement of the American National Red Cross. But the whole program abounded in contributions from representatives of the United States Health Service, state boards of health and bureaus of vital statistics, and the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission.

Aside from the Program

The very name of the National Conference distinguishes it as an occasion of personal fellowship. There was at Memphis a real competition in the affections of the delegates between the hotel lobby and the Conference platform. There was the usual discovery of old friends. Mr. Brackett and Mr. Nicholson were hunted up by Memphis citizens who had known them many years ago. A reference to General Brinkerhoff on the opening evening brought back vividly the personality of that Conference leader of the early days. The fraternity of the ex-presidents and secretaries of the Conference, itself, was impressive, when they dined as guests of President Taylor.

In 1908 delegates came to Richmond from Maine to learn of the manner of organization of a state board of charities. This year for the first time Maine delegates came representing a well established state board. There was good representation from western states, due, no doubt, partly to recent conferences held in the West. Some of the Mountain states were establishing connections for the first time with the National Conference. As was expected, southern representation was unusually strong. The decision to go next year to Baltimore seems to have been both for recognition and for encouragement of the South's growing interest in social work. The largest registration from any state was from Illinois—116. The total registration was 708,—more than the previous year, but considerably below the average attendance at other recent conferences.

There was an unusual amount of discussion at Memphis of the plan of organization and methods of operation of the Conference. With the favorable consideration of the executive committee, the Rules of Procedure were modified to provide for the appointment of committees on Time and Place, on Resolutions, on Nominations and on Organization, within three months after the adjournment of each year's conference,

and the publication of all committees continuously in the *Bulletin*. Provision was made for a special committee to report to the 1915 Conference on method of selection of officers. The chairmen of the business committees at Memphis were: Time and Place, Judge George S. Addams; Resolutions, A. J. McKelway; Nominations, James Mullenbach; Organization, Sherman C. Kingsley.

In the working-out of the Memphis program, there was a noticeable increase in the number of general sessions—at which the entire Conference comes together, both the evening hours and the 10:45 morning hours being used for this purpose. With the 9 o'clock hour only given to section meetings this operated somewhat to reduce the confusion of conflicting appointments. At the evening meetings, especially, a high mark was set in the popular character of addresses, the stereopticon being used on three occasions.

Among the several special features should be noted the dinner given by President Taylor to the new president and the chairmen-elect of program committees. The fact that all but three of the incoming chairmen were participants in the Memphis program is a promising sign of continuity and faithful service on the part of the new staff.

Related Bodies

At the invitation of the executive committee, a number of associations related in nature held their annual meetings in Memphis just prior to the beginning of the National Conference. The officers chosen by those that conducted elections are published on subsequent pages of this *Bulletin*. The officials of these organizations have shown uniform loyalty to the National Conference and a belief that sub-division into groups for technical discussion should not be carried so far as to interfere in a practical way with the discussion of social issues by a maximum number of social workers on the platform of the National Conference. Representatives of some of these organizations met with President Taylor to discuss methods of co-ordination. An attempt may be made at Baltimore to confine all meetings to a period of eight days, perhaps giving opportunity for meetings of related associations toward the middle of Conference week.

One of the most attractive features of the forty-first Conference was the President, himself. A supporter and constant attendant upon the National Conference for many years, teacher, preacher and pioneer in civic reform, Graham Taylor was peculiarly able to interpret by analogy and striking figure every session and every occasion during the Conference. His description of the Conference in a newspaper dispatch might well have been preserved in the Proceedings: "Such a national gathering as that of the conference at Memphis is like a great burning glass that seizes all the rays of the sun and brings them into one focus of light and heat. Here in this southern city has been gathered West and East, North and South, black and white, Jew and Christian, Protestant and Catholic, in one bright spot, where, forgetting their differences, they have met, mingled and exchanged values. Without compromising anyone's convictions, with sincere respect for each other's ideals, all these men and women agree to differ, and yet find themselves in substantial agreement both in the spirit and the standards which they exact of each other. Their orthodoxy is big and broad enough to count them all in, because it is the orthodoxy of the spirit."

Reprints of Memphis Addresses

According to custom, reprints will be made of a number of addresses given at the recent session of the National Conference at Memphis. Several of these are adaptable to use in educational campaigns and in personal circularization. Requests have been received for such reprints even before printing. In order that a sufficient quantity may be made to meet the demand those who desire them should notify headquarters office to that effect. The prices vary with length of address and quantity ordered, as shown by price lists of reprints of past years printed in *Bulletin* Nos. 62 and 63.

STATE CONFERENCES

Alabama Sociological Congress

The second annual meeting of the Alabama Sociological Congress was held in Birmingham, May 3-5, 1914. The meetings were reported as being one hundred per cent. more successful than those the first year. Perhaps the most unique and important feature was the organization of a state social service committee and the report made by it covering social work in many towns throughout the state. A negro auxiliary of the congress was organized and held five sessions apart from the main congress. This is the first effort of the kind to be made in Alabama. Rev. George Eaves was president of the congress, and is succeeded by Rabbi Morris Newfield. William M. McGrath, of Birmingham Associated Charities, is continued as secretary. The 1915 meeting will be held in Montgomery, probably in January.

The Arkansas Conference

M. A. Auerbach, Secretary.

The Arkansas State Conference of Charities and Correction held at Ft. Smith May 5 and 6 was the third annual meeting of that body. The attendance was much larger than at any previous meeting. The meetings were presided over by Mrs. Minnie U. Rutherford of Magazine, President, and M. A. Auerbach, of Little Rock, Secretary.

The topics discussed were Child Welfare, Organized Charities, Feeble Minded, Prison Reform and Sex Hygiene. Speakers from out of the state included J. C. Logan, of Atlanta, L. A. Halbert, of Kansas City, Miss Kate Barnard, of Oklahoma City, and H. H. Jones of the National Child Labor Committee of New York City. It is thought that the meeting resulted in awakening social conscience in Ft. Smith particularly where the Conference was held and in creating a newer and keener interest in the need for a state institution for feeble minded and an industrial school for juvenile delinquents. There are no such institutions in the state. At the present time, the only place for juvenile delinquents is the reform school, which is termed by social workers a juvenile penitentiary. At the next session of the legislature there will be bills introduced for the creation of these two institutions and the social workers will join forces in attempting to bring about the passage of these measures.

No program committee has yet been appointed for next year, this being left to the Executive Committee. The President of the State Conference for 1915 is Rev. Paul Preston, of Fort Smith, and the Secretary, M. A. Auerbach, of Little Rock. The next meeting will be held in Pine Bluff, the exact date being left to the Executive Committee, though it will probably be in May, 1915.

The Nebraska Conference

Louise McPherson, Secretary.

The Nebraska Conference of Charities and Correction held its annual meeting April 26-28, 1914, in Omaha. The President, Judge Howard Kennedy, of Lincoln, presided at most of the sessions, which were well attended by persons from all over the state. The out of town speakers were: Dr. Katherine Bement Davis, of New York, who made eight addresses on different subjects while in the city; Jacob Billikopf, of Kansas City, who told of the work of the Board of Public Welfare; W. J. Springborn, of Cleveland, who discussed various municipal problems.

The collection of charts provided by the National Committee for Mental Hygiene were on exhibition during the conference and one afternoon was given to the consideration of mental defectives and Nebraska's provision for them. Jails and penal institutions were discussed, Dr. Davis and Mr. Springborn giving of their wide experience at each session.

Standing committees on Mental Hygiene and on Correction were appointed. The results hoped for are a municipal farm for petty offenders and a detention home for delinquent women.

The next annual meeting will take place in Lincoln just before the opening of the legislature in January, Rev. S. Mills Hays, of that city, having been elected president and Miss Ida F. Robbins, secretary.

Washington State Conference

The seventh annual session of the State Conference of Charities and Correction was held at Centralia, June 2-4, 1914. It is reported as having been the most successful meeting in the history of this organization, due largely to the gradually increasing interest in social welfare in Washington. There were about four hundred in attendance at the opening meeting; the average attendance thereafter was from fifty to sixty. A donation of two hundred dollars toward the publication of the proceedings was made by the Centralia Chamber of Commerce. The president of the conference at Centralia was Rabbi Samuel Koch, of Seattle; the secretary, Miss Virginia McMechen, of Seattle. An interesting sidelight on this meeting is the fact that previous to the meeting there was a general desire to change the name of the conference on account of objection to the word "charity," but that when a vote on the question was taken at the Centralia meeting the body with one or two exceptions voted for the retention of the present name.

State Conferences to Be Held Fall of 1914

- Illinois—LaSalle, probably latter part of October. A. L. Bowen, Sec'y, State Capitol, Springfield.
- Iowa—Fort Dodge, November 15-17. Prof. Paul S. Pierce, Sec'y, Iowa City.
- Indiana—Madison, October 17-20. Frank D. Loomis, Sec'y, 401 Leracke Blk., Indianapolis.
- Maine—Bangor, October 20-21. James F. Bagley, Sec'y, State House, Augusta.
- Maryland—Easton, October 19-21. William H. Davenport, Sec'y, 508 Garrett Bldg., Baltimore.
- Massachusetts—Boston, November 10-12. Parker B. Field, Sec'y, 279 Tremont St., Boston. Meeting in conjunction with American Association for Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality.
- Michigan—Grand Rapids, October 28-30. Miss A. A. Buffington, Sec'y, 412 Prudden Blk., Lansing.
- Minnesota—Bemidji, September 26-29. Miss Caroline M. Crosby, Sec'y, 250 17th Ave. N., Minneapolis.
- Missouri—Springfield, November. Oscar Leonard, Sec'y, 901 Carr St., St. Louis.
- New York—Utica, November 17-19. R. W. Wallace, Sec'y, Box 17, The Capitol, Albany.
- Ohio—Columbus, Nov. 10-12. H. H. Shirer, Sec'y, 1010 Hartman Bldg., Columbus.
- Oklahoma—Oklahoma City, September 9-11. R. C. Meloy, Sec'y, State House, Oklahoma City.
- Pennsylvania—Harrisburg, November 17-19. James Heberling, Sec'y, Redington.
- Texas—San Antonio (St. Anthony Hotel), November 15-17. Robert J. Newton, Sec'y, State Capitol, Austin.
- Wisconsin—Racine, September 29-Oct. 2. Prof J. L. Gillin, Sec'y, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- Canadian Conference—Toronto, September 16-18. Arthur H. Burnett, Gen. Sec'y, City Hall, Toronto.

Do You Receive the Bulletin Regularly?

Several complaints have been made by members that Bulletin No. 64, containing the preliminary program of the Memphis meetings, was not received. Any who have not received that issue should notify the headquarters office without delay. In order to prevent errors of this kind in mailing in the future an addressograph has recently been acquired, and all mailing will be done from the headquarters office.

■ RELATED ORGANIZATIONS ■

Eighth Annual Meeting and Conference Federated Boys' Clubs

The eighth annual meeting and conference of the Federated Boys' Clubs was held in New York City June 8th and 9th with an unusually large attendance of boys' club workers. The conference program was a most practical one. Formal addresses and long papers were omitted entirely, and in their place were given by workers themselves the results of practical experience in conducting real boys' clubs.

The program topics were grouped under the headings, summer activities, winter activities, every-day problems, relations with other agencies for social betterment. Among the interesting and helpful points brought out were arrangements for allowing girls to share in the benefits of Boys' Club equipment, schemes for overcoming the conservatism of the boy and jogging him out of his inertia, an apprenticeship plan in operation in Canada whereby young men are being trained for leadership in boys' work, a consideration of the "Schedule on the Adolescent Boy" recently issued by the National Federation of Settlements, a discussion of the relation of Boys' Clubs to the home, to state and municipal legislation, to the church, to recreation of various sorts.

An important step in the movement is a proposed "merger" between the Federated Boys' Clubs and the Playground and Recreation Association of America. A committee consisting of eminent workers in both associations is at work on a plan whereby the Federated will have the co-operation of the field secretaries of the Playground Association in extending the boys' club propaganda. It is confidently expected that by early fall the arrangement will be completed and a joint secretary will be employed with headquarters at the office of the Playground and Recreation Association of America in New York City. While the business of the Federated will thus be largely transferred to New York City, the Federated will still be maintained as a distinct organization.

The following officers and directors were elected: President, Thomas Chew; Vice-Presidents, C. J. Atkinson, Prentice A. Jordan; Corporation Secretary and Acting Treasurer, George N. Putnam; Directors for three years, Judge Ben B. Lindsey, George D. Chamberlain, Walter M. Lowney, Victor F. Ridder; Executive Council, George W. King, Edward L. Curran, Charles F. Ernst, H. C. Farwell, John D. Baker.

American Prison Association in October

The annual meeting of the American Prison Association will be held in St. Paul, Oct. 3-8. The president for this year is Rev. Samuel G. Smith, of St. Paul. Reports of standing committees will be presented and discussed: On Criminal Law Reform, Honorable Charles B. Elliott, Ex-Judge Supreme Court of Minnesota, Chairman; on Prevention, R. B. Chadwick, Supt. Dependent and Delinquent Children, Province of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada; report on Probation and Parole, C. E. Vasaly, Member State Board of Control, Minnesota, Chairman; on Prison Discipline, A. J. G. Wells, Warden Kentucky State Prison, Frankfort, Ky.; Chairman; on Discharged Prisoners, Judge Edward F. Waite, Minneapolis, Chairman; Statistics of Crime, Hastings H. Hart, Director Child Helping Department Russell Sage Foundation, New York City, Chairman; on Jails, Lockups, and Police Stations, John L. Whitman, Supt. House of Refuge, Chicago, Ill., Chairman.

In addition to the foregoing there will be addresses at the Sunday Mass Meeting by George E. Vincent, LL. D., President Minnesota University, and the Most Reverend J. J. Keane, Archbishop of Dubuque, Iowa; there will also be addressed by Dr. V. C. Vaughn, President American Medical Association and Dean Ann Arbor Medical College, on "Crime and Disease"; Dr. Paul E. Bowers, Physician Indiana State Prison on "The Clinical Study of the Habitual Criminal"; Dr. Oscar Dowling, President

Louisiana State Board of Health, New Orleans, on "The Hygiene of Jails, Lockups and Police Stations"; Dr. Eugene Borel, Secretary and Member International Prison Commission, Geneva, Switzerland, on "The Influence of American Example on Penology and the Warfare Against Crime in Europe."

October 6th will be Governors' Day. A number of Governors have signified their purpose to be present. On this day the members and delegates will visit the new Minnesota State Prison at Stillwater and a session will be held in the Prison Chapel. The Wednesday afternoon session will be held in Minneapolis.

The following Auxiliary Associations will have places on the general program and in addition will hold special meetings: Wardens Association, Chaplains Association, Prison Physicians Associations, Association of Governing Boards, Woman's Association, American Association of Clinical Criminology.

Copy of the Preliminary Program and other literature can be secured by addressing the Secretary, Joseph P. Byers, State House, Trenton, N. J.

Association for Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality at Boston

The subjects chosen for discussion at the Fifth Annual Meeting of the American Association for Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality to be held in Boston, November 12-14, include prenatal care; the need for increased and improved maternity hospital service; the problem of the institutional baby, and the excessive infant mortality in institutions; continuation schools and home-making. The sessions will be under the charge of the committees on obstetrics, pediatrics, nursing and social work, vital and social statistics, and public school education for the prevention of infant mortality. In connection with the meeting, special clinics will be held at the Harvard Medical School, and at the welfare stations of the Boston Milk and Baby Hygiene Association. An exhibit illustrating baby saving activities will be another feature of the meeting. Through its affiliated membership, which includes departments of health; infant welfare societies; nurses organizations; woman's clubs; departments of home economics, etc., the Association is in touch with organized baby saving work now being carried on in sixty-four cities, in over thirty states.

Dr. Whitridge Williams, of Baltimore, professor of obstetrics and dean of the Johns Hopkins Medical School, is president of the Association, and Homer Folks, of New York, is president-elect for 1915. Further information in regard to the meeting, or circulars outlining the work of the association can be secured from Miss Gertrude B. Knipp, Executive Secretary, 1211 Cathedral Street, Baltimore.

Ninth International Prison Congress

The ninth quinquennial meeting of the International Prison Congress will be held for one week beginning July 25, 1915, in London. This is the first time since the original meeting in 1872 that the Congress has been held in London. The eighth congress was held in Washington, D. C., in 1910, and proved very influential in the development of public opinion in this country. Sir Evelyn Ruggles-Brice, K. C. B., is president of the commission, and may act as president of the congress. The commissioner for the United States is Professor Charles Richmond Henderson of the University of Chicago.

International Congress on Social Work and Service

Preliminary announcement is made of the Sixth International Congress on Social Work and Service (state, municipal and voluntary), to be held at the University of London, South Kensington, May 31, to June 5, 1915. The first International Congress of Public and Private Assistance met at Paris in 1889. Subsequent congresses have been held as fol-

lows: at Geneva in 1896; at Paris in 1900; at Milan in 1906; at Copenhagen in 1910. Questions to be discussed at general sessions of the Congress are: the influence which, in accordance with modern ideas, thrift and providence should exercise in questions of assistance; international provisions for the assistance of deserted or morally abandoned children; the assistance of families of prisoners and extradited persons; the care and control of mentally defective persons, other than certified lunatics. The president of the Congress is H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught, K. G., G. C. V. O. The acting secretary is T. E. Lloyd, 90 Buckingham Palace Road, London S. W.

Related Organizations at Memphis

It is customary for a number of organizations which are related in nature to the National Conference of Charities and Correction, and whose members generally belong to the National Conference, to hold their annual meetings at or about the time of the National Conference sessions. The relationship is a purely co-operative one.

In lieu of a complete account of the varied and important discussions of these associations at their recent annual meetings, there is published herewith a list of the officers and committees named at Memphis for the ensuing year. In the case of the National Conference of Jewish Charities the officers are named for two years, as that organization meets biennially. Likewise, in case of the National Federation of Settlements, the officers listed were elected in the spring at the Pittsburgh meeting and will continue in office a year longer.

American National Red Cross

President, Hon. Woodrow Wilson; Secretary, Charles L. Magee; National Director, Ernest P. Bicknell, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

American Association of Officials of Charity and Correction

President, Joseph P. Byers, Trenton, N. J.; Vice Presidents, J. W. Howe, Topeka, Kan.; Mrs. Oliver C. Bryant, Los Angeles, Cal.; Rev. Bro. Barnabas, Lincolnale, N. Y.; Secretary, Robert W. Kelso, State House, Boston, Mass.; Treasurer, Robert W. Hill, Albany, N. Y.; Executive Committee: The President, ex-officio, chairman; Robert W. Hill, Robert W. Heberd and A. L. Bowen, Past Presidents ex-officio; Amos W. Butler, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. B. Montgomery, Coldwater, Mich.; F. J. Sessions, Davenport, Ia.; George S. Wilson, Washington, D. C.; James T. Mastin, Richmond, Va.

Committee on Dependent Children, Galen A. Merrill, Owatonna, Minn., Chairman; Committee on Insane and Mentally Defective, Dr. George S. Bliss, Fort Wayne, Ind., Chairman; Committee on Administration of Institutions, Charles P. Kellogg, Waterbury, Conn., Chairman; Committee on Home Relief, H. H. Shrirer, Columbus, Ohio, Chairman; Committee on Correctional Problems, L. A. Halbert, Kansas City, Mo., Chairman.

American Association of Societies for Organizing Charity

Chairman, John F. Moors, Boston, Mass.; Vice Chairman, William H. Baldwin, Washington, D. C.; Treasurer, W. Frank Persons, New York City; General Secretary, Francis H. McLean, 130 East 22nd St., New York City.

Executive Committee: Frederic Almy, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. E. L. Carpenter, Minneapolis, Minn.; Robert W. DeForest, New York City; Robert Garrett, Baltimore, Md.; J. M. Hanson, Youngstown, Ohio; Richard Hayter, Seattle, Wash.; Eugene T. Lies, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. W. H. Lothrop, Boston, Mass.; Joseph C. Logan, Atlanta, Ga.; John S. Newbold, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wilson A. Shaw, Pittsburgh, Pa.

National Conference on the Education of Backward, Truant, Delinquent and Dependent Children

President, E. E. Gardner, Howard, R. I.; Vice President, Charles Dunn, Jr., So. Portland, Me.; Secretary and Treasurer, W. L. Kuser, Eldora, Ia. Executive Committee:—E. E. Gardner, Howard, R. I.; W. L. Kuser, Eldora, Ia.; Mrs. Benjamin West, Memphis, Tenn.; F. J. Sessions, Davenport, Ia.; Dr. Kenosha Sessions, Indianapolis, Ind.; Harry Hill, Chicago, Ill.; Calvin Derrick, Waterman, Cal.; Charles Dunn, Jr., So. Portland, Me.; Mrs. Ophelia Amigh, Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. Martha Falconer, Darling, Pa.

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